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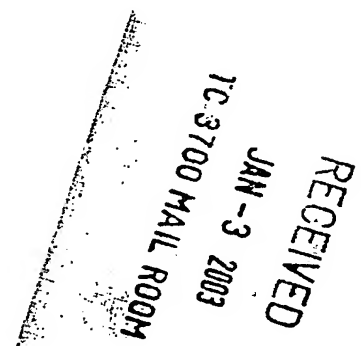
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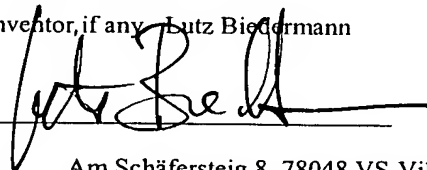
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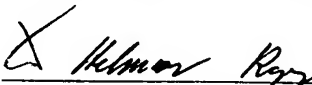
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Title: **Spacer Assembly for Use in Spinal Surgeries Having End Cap Which Includes Serrated Surface**

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Sir:

DePuy AcroMed, Inc. ("Assignee"), hereby submits to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office documentary evidence of ownership of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/056,909 by the enclosed copy of an executed Assignment from inventors Thomas S. Camino and John J. Malone to Assignee. Also, enclosed please find a copy of a Notice of Recordation of Assignment, which was recorded with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 25, 2002 at Reel 012534, Frame 0558. Accordingly, Assignee has an ownership interest in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/056,909, and is authorized to request and take action in this matter.

Assignee hereby agrees to the change of inventorship adding Lutz Biedermann and Helmar Rapp as co-inventors in U.S. Patent Serial No. 10/056,909. The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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